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Letters to the Editor

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From your (nursing) editor:

Hey, y'all! It has been a harrowing six weeks for your ed. My husband **Bruce** spent the better part of a month in the hospital and 14 days in the ICU, much of it on a respirator. He had a rare case of viral pneumonia called BOOP. He's much better now (in fact, he wrote a **Cases of note**, this issue, just to prove it) and I hope to never see the likes of BOOP again. So—your ed. has been playing nurse for longer than I ever thought I would. (It's definitely different from editing.)

Meanwhile, back at the *ATG* ranch, your loyal column editors were working away making this issue come together! And it's a great one—jam packed as always! First, I want to thank **Debbie**

Vaughn who took charge when I was at the hospital to guest edit this issue. There are interviews with **Angela Adair-Hoy**, and **Dan Halloran** and profiles for **John Riley**, **Lee Rouner** and **Anna Lännström**. There is a great article on the **OCLC/WLN Conspectus** by **Pauline Williams**, a **NEW** column by **Amber Williams** seeking input on Websites, another great article on changing roles by **Ana Arias Terry** and another **NEW** column called **Sense and Sensibility** by **Margaret Landesman**. **Rick Lugg** and **Ruth Fischer's I, User** talks about **Questia**, **Howard Bybee** enlightens us on selling gift books over the Internet, **Bryan Carson** talks about databases and the Internet, and of course

there's even more and more. How can you not afford to read this issue of *ATG*?

And, y'all, many of **Tony Ferguson's Back Talks** are loaded online, fulltext on the *ATG* Website, www.against-the-grain.com. Isn't that great?

Gotta run. My patient is calling. Talk to you in June!

— Yr. Ed. 



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Dear Editor:

Congratulations on another fabulous issue [of *ATG*, v.13#1, p.60]. Just a minor correction. In **Janet Flowers'** review of the **Charleston Conference**, she said **Matt Naumann** moderated the panel on "E-books: Still Here One Year Later." The moderator was **Ron Boehm**. The comments attributed to Matt are Matt's comments. Thanks.

Vicky Speck

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Dear Editor:

As a result of your interview with the founder of **21 North Main**, **Ken Dzigan**, and because I usually look up most of the Websites in *Against the Grain*, I was able to locate a copy of *Buddies* by **Barbara Park**, a book my 16-year-old has been wanting to find for years.

Our original copy was purchased years ago, the Christmas after I got my Masters degree & before I started my first professional job. Because I was a single mom and so broke that Christmas, Santa Claus went to a used bookstore & purchased several used children's books that were in relatively pristine condition. *Buddies* was one of them, and it became my younger daughter's favorite book. Although she

lost it long ago and it's now out-of-print, she will own it again, thanks to **21 North Main**. So thanks for the lead!

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Rumors

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lennium Minutes in this issue, p. 46, about the Ditto machine. It's hilarious! And read even more about **Mike Markwith** at TDNet later in this section of **Rumors**.

Well, just as we were getting ready to print an unconfirmed **Rumor** that **SilverPlatter** had been bought, this press release turned up on *The Charleston Advisor* Website www.charlestonco.com! **Wolters Kluwer** has acquired **SilverPlatter Information** (Boston, New York). Terms of the deal were not disclosed. **SilverPlatter**, with annual sales of approximately USD 70 million, is a provider of medical and scientific databases and related software. **SilverPlatter** will be combined with **Ovid Technologies** (New York, United States), which **Wolters Kluwer** acquired in 1998, and the acquisition is in line with **Wolters Kluwer's** strategy to expand its electronic offerings in the medical and scientific fields and to integrate content with software and services. The acquisition of **SilverPlatter** is subject to regu-

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ALA Annual, AALL	June 2001	03/28/01	04/11/01
Reference Publishing	Sept. 2001	07/11/01	07/25/01
Charleston Conference	Nov. 2001	08/15/01	08/29/01
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 01/Jan. 02	10/24/01	11/14/01